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In Re the Patent Application of:)
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Solomon, et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/041,040)
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Filed: December 28, 2001)
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For: Method and Apparatus for Signaling)
 an Error Condition to an Agent)
 Not Expecting a Completion)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following preliminary
amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, at line 3 before "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

—Reference is made to the commonly assigned co-pending patent

applications Serial No. 10/040,605, entitled "Communicating Transaction

Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Packet Headers

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